

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Apparatus for applying a chemical to rodents comprising an enclosure having at least one peripheral opening allowing entry of rodents into said enclosure, said enclosure including at least one applicator arranged to contact rodents entering said enclosure, wherein the applicator comprises a flexible web suspended into said enclosure, further wherein:

- a) said web comprises a fabric,
- b) said applicator includes an upper horizontal support member and said fabric suspended from said support member; and
- c) said fabric includes at least one opening extending from an edge of said fabric opposite said horizontal support member, said opening having at least one dimension smaller than said rodents;

further wherein said enclosure has a top wall, wherein there is a slot in said top wall, wherein said upper horizontal support member of said applicator is located on a top edge of said flexible web, said top edge of said flexible web being shorter than said slot and said support member being longer than said slot, whereby when said web is inserted into said slot, said support member engages said top wall and supports said web.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said fabric includes vertical slits extending from an edge of said fabric opposite said horizontal support member.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said opening is a semicircular opening with a radius smaller than the height of said rodents.

Claim 7 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said opening is a triangular opening having a triangle base along said edge, said triangle base being smaller than the width of said rodent.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said enclosure has a passageway, wherein said upper horizontal support member of said applicator is located on a top edge of said flexible web, wherein said passageway includes slots for receiving ends of said support member to support and suspend said web across said passageway.

Claim 10 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said enclosure has a passageway and said horizontal support member is a support beam disposed across said passageway so that said flexible web is suspended into said passageway.

Claim 11 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said applicator has an adhesive strip along an upper edge for adhering to a top wall of said enclosure to suspend said web.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Apparatus for applying a chemical to rodents comprising:

- (a) an enclosure having at least one peripheral opening allowing entry of rodents into said enclosure and at least one inner wall located inside said enclosure;
- (b) an inner chamber which is at least partially defined by said inner wall and which is accessed by an opening in said inner wall;
- (c) a passageway leading from said at least one peripheral opening to said opening in said inner wall; and
- (d) at least two applicators which are located inside said enclosure, a first applicator being located in said passageway between said at least one peripheral opening and said opening in said inner wall, and a second applicator being located inside said inner chamber and not located

within said passageway, wherein each of said first and second applicators comprise a flexible web that is suspended into said enclosure.

Claim 13 (currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 12, comprising at least three applicators, wherein a third applicator is present in said enclosure in addition to said first and second applicators, and said third applicator is located in said passageway ~~which are located~~ between said at least one peripheral opening and said opening in said inner wall, wherein said ~~applicators comprise~~ third applicator comprises a flexible web that is suspended into said enclosure.

Claim 14 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said rodent is a mouse.

Claim 15 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said rodent is a mouse.

Claim 16 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 17 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 18 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 19 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 20 (currently amended): Apparatus for applying a chemical to rodents comprising an enclosure having at least one peripheral opening allowing entry of rodents into said enclosure, said enclosure including at least one applicator arranged to contact rodents entering said enclosure, wherein the applicator comprises a flexible web suspended into said enclosure, said flexible web having a chemical disposed thereon, further wherein:

a) said web comprises a fabric,

b) said applicator includes an upper horizontal support member and said fabric suspended from said support member; and

c) said fabric includes at least one opening extending from an edge of said fabric opposite said horizontal support member, said opening having at least one dimension smaller than said rodents;

further wherein said enclosure has a top wall, wherein there is a slot in said top wall, wherein said upper horizontal support member of said applicator is located on a top edge of said flexible web, said top edge of said flexible web being shorter than said slot and said support member being longer than said slot, whereby when said web is inserted into said slot, said support member engages said top wall and supports said web according to claim 8, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 21 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 22 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 23 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 24 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 25 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 26 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 27 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 28 (new): Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a bait is present inside said enclosure.

Claim 29 (new): Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a bait is present inside said inner chamber.

Claim 30 (new): Apparatus according to claim 20, wherein a bait is present inside said enclosure.